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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Professor Juozas BRAZAITIS

1. I met Professor BRAZAITIS on 26 January 1955 in New York, N.Y. to discuss his recruitment of REDSOX agents for us. BRAZAITIS had earlier advised us that he was hesitant about committing members of the Lithuanian Front for such purpose since the Americans have not given the Lithuanian Front any overt political support. This was contrasted with the support VLIK is receiving. BRAZAITIS intimated that if he or another member of his group were appointed to the Crusade for Freedom-sponsored Assembly of Captive Nations that he would aid us in recruitment.

2. I told BRAZAITIS that we would take steps to include his organization in the Lithuanian representation of the Assembly of Captive Nations. Although I said that inclusion cannot be guaranteed, it is nevertheless probable. This satisfied BRAZAITIS and he revealed that he had two persons who would be willing to go on a mission to Lithuania. One of these resides in Canada, the other in Amsterdam, New York. BRAZAITIS will obtain biographical information regarding both men within two weeks.

3. I told BRAZAITIS that when the biographical data was in his hands, that perhaps he could deliver it to us in Washington. At the same time, I said, BRAZAITIS could probably meet my new superior, "C", well-known to BRAZAITIS. BRAZAITIS expressed pleasure for such opportunity, recalling, with satisfaction, his earlier relationship with "C".

4. I also briefly explored BRAZAITIS' interest in participating in an independent, apolitical Lithuanian information or radio unit. (Since this was done in a hypothetical way, no intention of ours was, I am sure, revealed to BRAZAITIS.) BRAZAITIS said that although an independent propaganda-information unit would be difficult to set up, he believed that, with the U.S. Government behind it, it could be done and that he would be willing to participate in it.

5. In closing, BRAZAITIS mentioned the fact that he recently received a letter from a friend of his named CIBIRAS, residing in South America. (CIBIRAS is being cleared by us for a position, possibly that of chief, in the Madrid Radio Unit.) CIBIRAS says that VLIK has invited him to join its Radio Section, and CIBIRAS solicited BRAZAITIS' opinion as to whether he should accept the job. When queried by me, BRAZAITIS said he was planning to advise CIBIRAS to reject the offer in view of the uncertainty of tenure of VLIK employment. BRAZAITIS then hinted that it would be wise for us to "guarantee" (i.e., recruit and contract) CIBIRAS in the same way we had GALVA. In that case, BRAZAITIS said, CIBIRAS would have sufficient guarantee of employment and BRAZAITIS would advise him to accept the job. I told BRAZAITIS the matter would be considered and BRAZAITIS would be advised as to what to write CIBIRAS. BRAZAITIS agreed.

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